

All Church Prayer July 5: *“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” (Romans 12:12).* Join us for an hour of prayer, seeking the Lord through the lens of Scripture Sunday, July 5 at 5:00pm in the Chapel.

Heritage Retreat October 16-18: The retreat provides an opportunity for our church body to step back from normal routines and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation while spending time with one another. Join us for this church-wide get-away at New Life Ranch (brochures available at the Welcome Center). **Register online by July 6;** \$15 deposit per person is due by Aug 16. Contact Shawn McGill, shawn@heritageokc.org.

Camp Barnabas July 12-16: Students (grades 7-12) will be helping with projects like painting, power-washing, staining, flower beds, etc., at this Christian camp that ministers to people with special needs (not meeting this year). The cost for the trip is \$115; a \$15 deposit will secure your spot. **Register online by Wed, July 1st.**

Children’s Sunday school (*birth-6th grade*), as well as meeting today, **June 28** will also be meeting **July 26**. We hope to be back on our weekly schedule on **Promotion Sunday, August 16**. Please consider how you might serve in the Children’s ministry this fall—we need to add several more teachers and helpers. Opportunities range from serving each week; to every other month; to once every six weeks, kids@heritageokc.org.

Student Ministry (7th-12th) & College/Career have both resumed their weekly Sunday morning classes at 9am. The students are meeting in the Gym and the College/Career group in Room 405.

Visit <http://heritageokc.org/serve/> to find more ways you can be part of what God is doing at Heritage Baptist Church.

Most Groups are meeting again! Get more information about a small group or ABF class by calling the church office or visiting our website.

1 THESSALONIANS

As a family of forgiven people we are honored that you have joined with us today as we seek to develop people who delight in God and declare His glory—from our neighborhoods to the nations. Our prayer is that you will connect with God through Christ this morning and that this would be the beginning of a deep connection with other believers as well.

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Good Reasons to Be Grateful—Part 3

June 28, 2020

Call to Worship

Pastoral Prayer

Baptism

Songs of Worship

*Let Your
Kingdom Come*

*Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 42:5-8

Song of Worship

His Mercy Is More

Message

Song of Response

*Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*

Benediction

Philippians 1:9-10

"I fear that the cross, without ever being disowned, is constantly in danger of being dismissed from the central place it must enjoy, by relatively peripheral insights that take on far too much weight. Whenever the periphery is in danger of displacing the center, we are not far removed from idolatry." ~D. A. Carson

"All we could ever imagine, could ever hope for, He is... He is the Prince of Peace whose first coming has already transformed society but whose second coming will forever establish justice and righteousness." ~Michael Card

"Following Jesus Christ was the sum total of their entire existence. At the moment when life itself was on the line, nothing else mattered besides identifying themselves with Him. For these faithful believers, the name 'Christian' was much more than a religious designation. It defined everything about them, including how they viewed both themselves and the world around them. The label underscored their love for a crucified Messiah along with their willingness to follow Him no matter the cost. It told of the wholesale transformation God had produced in their hearts, and witnessed to the fact that they had been made completely new in Him. They had died to their old way of life, having been born again into the family of God. 'Christian' was not simply a title, but an entirely new way of thinking – one that had serious implications for how they lived – and ultimately how they died." ~John MacArthur

I Thessalonians 1:7-10

Big Idea of this Series: *Living in the Light of Jesus' Return*

Big Idea of Today's Message: *True believers are examples to others of genuine conversion, turning to God from sinful pursuits, boldly proclaiming Christ in difficult circumstances, and eagerly awaiting Christ's return.*

V. 7 – "You became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia..."

V. 8 – "...the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you..."

V. 9b – "...you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God..."

V. 10 – "... you wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."